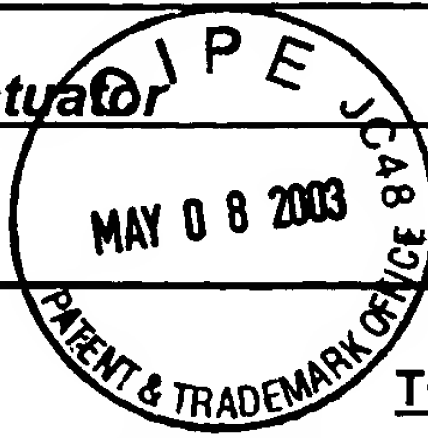


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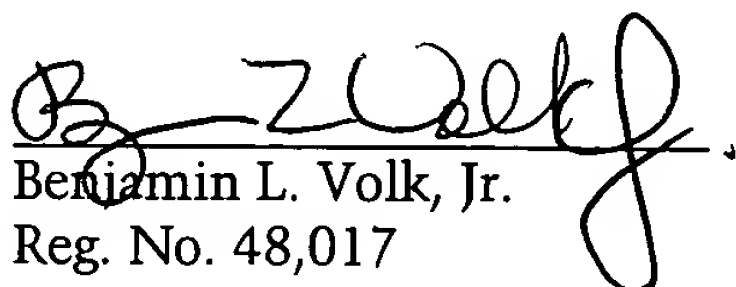
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 11/4/02

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. Accompanying this response is a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time. Also accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination. It is believed that all fees included with the response are correct, but if not, please debit or credit Deposit Account 20-0823 as appropriate.

In the Claims:

1. Please amend claim 1 as shown in the enclosed marked-up copy of the amended claims;
2. Please amend claim 2 as shown in the enclosed marked-up copy of the amended claims;
3. Please leave claims 3-5 unchanged;
4. Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice;
5. Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice;